

Hawaii Department of Education  
Adult Education Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Update  
Workforce Development Council  
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### **State Office**

1. \*Submitted in March, 2022: Hawai'i Unified WIOA State Plan
  - a. Background
  - b. The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan communicates the State of Hawaii's vision for the workforce system and is used to align and integrate the system across federal programs. WIOA's key principle encourages strategic alignment and coordination among the primary federal programs that support employment services, workforce development, adult education, and vocational rehabilitation services. This plan promotes a shared understanding of the workforce needs and fosters development of more comprehensive and integrated approaches, such as career pathways and sector strategies for addressing the needs of businesses and workers.
2. \*AEFLA Grant Competition announcements to follow soon
3. \*Upcoming federal monitoring visit: July 27-29

### **McKinley School for Adults**

1. House Bill 1561 that establishes within the Department of Education an adult workforce readiness program to be administered by McKinley and Waipahu Community School for Adults was passed on April 28th. Once the Bill is signed by the Governor it establishes within the Department of Education a workforce readiness program that will be administered by McKinley and Waipahu Community School for Adults. MCSA is currently working on a presentation for the WDC committees with WDC member Cary Miyashiro.
2. On April 7th, McKinley Community School in partnership with the Women's Correctional Facility and the University of Hawaii participated in a GED graduation ceremony at the facility honoring 15 GED graduates. Lance Jyo, Vice Principal of the Moanalua Campus and Adult Education Corrections Administrator statewide partnered with the facility along with the University of Hawaii. This new program hired inmates to tutor inmates in preparation for the GED exam and experienced a very successful passing rate since the program's inception in October 2021. To support the continuation of this program, the Legislature recently included \$250,000 in the General budget to be allocated to McKinley CSA.

## **Waipahu Community School for Adults Updates**

1. Annual College, Career and Resource Fair
  - a. Took place on Wednesday, April 27
  - b. An event we put on for all of our current students. On this night we had over 200 students participate.
  - c. Students got to choose 2 of 20 different presenters to get information on an occupation they may be interested in.
  - d. Program Coordinator, Tina Matsuo, was the lead for this event
2. Kapili Like (Youth Build) Partnership in Kunia
  - a. Working with students from across the Leeward area to obtain their HSE
  - b. Currently working with approximately 40 students
3. Kalanihookaha Community Learning Center in Nanakuli
  - a. Officially open, but still awaiting a full community open house
  - b. We have committed to working with students in the area who are looking to get an HSE or more computer literacy
  - c. We currently have 2 students enrolled but are looking forward to seeing more in the future
4. COABE (Coalition on Adult Basic Education) Conference Presentation
  - a. Counseling: A Trauma-Informed and Culturally Sensitive Approach in Adult Education
  - b. Dr. Park and two of our Counselors (Marisa Pierre and Marisa Cortez) presented at the national conference
  - c. Their presentation was well received and other State conference participants remarked at how we are doing more for our students in counseling than their programs offer.
  - d. Their article is published in the COABE Journal (Spring 2022)
5. Partnership with Harriet  
English Improvement Class for CNA students continues
6. WCSA Family Learning Center recently opened at Kailua HS  
Digital Literacy classes are doing well